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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2242

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, SF, CV, XN, UK

SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR: SAG INTEREST IN ASCENSION ISLAND RIGHTS

1. LOCKHEED REP ROBINSON CALLED THE EMBASSY JULY 8 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS FORTHCOMING SA DECISION OF PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. DURING DISCUSSION, HE MENTIONED HEARING THAT SAG HAD TAKEN UP WITH UK POSSIBLE USE OF ASCENSION ISLAND FOR TECHNICAL STOPS TO REPLACE SAL ISLAND AIRPORT IN CAPE VERDES, USE OF WHICH SAG FEARS IT WILL LOSE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE. HE HAD FURTHER HEARD THAT SAA WOULD RUN TEST FLIGHT TO ASCENSION ON JULY 13.

2. WE NOTED THAT SA FREIGHT LINE, SAFAIR, HAD EARLIER RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH EMBASSY. OUR REPLY HAD BEEN TO EFFECT WHILE ASCENSION AIRFIELD WAS USAF CONTROLLED, IT WAS GOVERNED BY US-UK AGREEMENT WHICH LIMITED FIELD TO US MILITARY AND MILITARY-CHARTER AIRCRAFT. THUS FIRST STEP TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL USE OF ASCENSION WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SAG AND HMG. ROBINSON UNDERSTOOD SAG HAD RAISED QUESTION DURING ENNALS' VISIT TO SA BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT RESPONSE HAD BEEN MADE. HE ALSO SAID LOCKHEED WASHINGTON REPS INVESTIGATING QUESTION WITH USG.

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3. COMMENT: USAF LIAISON REP AT US DAO PRETORIA WHO HANDLES  
MAC AIRCRAFT TRANSITING ASCENSION HAS TOLD US HE HAS NO INFORMATION  
ABOUT THIS REPORTED TEST RUN.  
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